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SUBJECT: UCR MAKES LAST CALL FOR CONSENSUS POLITICS

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1. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UCR NATIONAL COMMITTEE ISSUED A LENGTHY STATEMENT FEB 28 CALLING FOR RESUMPTION OF THE KIND OF CONSENSUS POLITICS INSPIRED BY PERON AND BASED ON DIALOGUE AND BROAD AGREEMENT AMONG THE ARMED FORCES, CGT, CGE, UCR AND PERONISTS. STATEMENT AS MUCH AS ADMITTED THAT SINCE PERON'S DEATH, THE DIALOGUE HAS NOT BEEN OPERATIVE. WHILE THE STATEMENT CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN RETURNING TO THE PATH OF CONSENSUS POLITICS, IT ALSO INDICATED THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HEED ITS CALL, THE UCR WILL ITSELF TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

2. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM UCR SOURCES THAT THE STATEMENT WAS AUTHORED BY BALBIN HIMSELF IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A DEGREE OF MANEUVER ROOM WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY. HE WANTS TO HOLD THE DOOR OPEN FOR DIALOGUE, BUT IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM WITHIN THE UCR TO ADOPT SHARD LINE. BY ISSUING A CALL TO THE GOVERNMENT, HE HAS BOUGHT TIME--POSSIBLY UNTIL THE UCR CONGRESS IN MID APRIL (SEE REFTEL). UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT SHIFTS ITS COURSE BY THEN, HOWEVER, BALBIN WILL PROBABLY BE UNABLE TO PREVENT THE UCR FROM GOING OVER CONFIDENTIAL

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TO HARD-LINE OPPOSITION.

3. EDITORIAL IN BA HERALD SUMMED UP DEVELOPING POLITICAL
SCENE VERY NEATLY ON MARCH 1 WITH QUESTION "WHAT EVER
HAPPENED TO THE CONEUNSUS?"
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